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SUBJ: SECRETARY WEINBERGER'S VISIT TO GENEVA

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1. ALTHOUGH ARRIVAL IN GENEVA OF HEW SECRETARY WEINBERGER AND PARTY AUGUST 21 WAS DELAYED BY AIRLINE STRIKE, IT WAS STILL POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO CARRY OUT PROGRAM ESSENTIALLY AS PLANNED (REFTEL).

2. ON VISIT TO WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, DIRECTOR GENERAL MAHLER DISCUSSED WHO'S ROLE AS BRIDGE FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN HEALTH

AND REVIEWED SOME OF WHO'S PRESENT ACTIVITIES. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF US PARTICIPATION IN THE FOUNDING OF THE ORGANIZATION

AND IN ITS DEVELOPMENT OVER THE PAST QUARTER CENTURY. HE PLACED SPECIAL IMPORTANCE ON THE CONTINUED CRITICAL INTEREST AND SUPPORT OF THE US FOR WHO'S FUTURE.

3. DR. MAHLER CHAIRED THE SESSION AT WHICH WHO SPECIALISTS PRESENTED OUTLINES OF PROGRAMS IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, STRENGTHENING HEALTH SERVICES, DRUG DEPENDENCE, VECTOR CONTROL, AND SMALLPOX ERADICATION. THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH FOLLOWED PROVIDED EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER THESE AND OTHER WHO ACTIVITIES
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IN RELATION TO THE INTERESTS AND PRIORITIES OF THE USG AS WELL

AS OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

4. MISSION EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT SECRETARY WEINBERGER WOULD
MAKE THIS VISIT TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND WISHES
TO UNDERLINE ITS IMPORTANCE IN OUR CONTINUING RELATIONS WITH THAT
ORGANIZATION.DALE

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